

County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Office of the Fire Marshal 10700 Page Avenue Fairfax, VA 22030

Fire Protection Engineer and the Expedited Building Plan Review Program

The Expedited Building Plan Review Program was created in 1997 to give building owners an option for priority processing for commercial projects. Construction documents reviewed by county-certified third-party engineers were given priority reviews by county staff. The disciplines required included building/structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing, but not fire protection. The program was later expanded in 2003 to include residential projects. To learn more, go to the program's website.

While there is currently no separate fire protection peer review, it is anticipated that the program will be expanded to include one in 2016. Until that time, the Office of the Fire Marshal encourages design teams to incorporate a Fire Protection Engineer (FPE) as a part of the design process. A list of certified FPEs or FPE firms is available upon request. Please contact the Office of the Fire Marshal at **703-246-4806**, **TTY 711** to obtain a copy of the list or to be included on the list if you are a certified FPE.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Walser at 703-246-4889.

